

THE PETAIN SCENE

The courtyard of the Palace of Justice in Paris, and the bricked up window of Marshal Petain's cell. The old man of Vichy, 89 years old, wearing the seven stars of a Marshal of France on his sleeve and a single medal, faces his accusers. This is likely to go down as one of the memorable court scenes of the century. Lawyers for the defence battle for the old man's life. Chief Prosecutor is 72 year old Andre Mornet. French Politicians, (many of them Petain's accusers), sit in the crowded court. Among them are Paul Reynaud, Michel Clamenocau and M. Le Brun. Petain refused to acknowledge the court's authority. In a firm voice he read a statement and then refused to speak any further. Inside and out side the court, tempers ran high.

Phillippe Petain, once the hero of his country, now faces a treason charge.